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Talk of Override in Sutton

By Lawrence Moore

The Sutton Selectmen's meeting of Feb. 12 was taken up by discussions on the budget. Present were Chairwoman Mary K. Connor and members Wally Johnson, Mike Chizy, Rick LaBonte, Dave Strieby, and Town Administrator Dexter Blois. Also present were representatives of the School Committee.

Blois presenting his analysis of budget problems, said preliminary work indicates that "fixed costs" represent a major part of the budget imbalance. He compared his "balanced budget" totals with departmental requests, and showed, as of Feb 10, a need to reduce the total imbalance by $769,000. This is a result of an increase in fixed costs, a reduction in State aid, a substantial reduction in new growth revenue, and the limitations of 2 1/2.

Blois presented these goals to department heads, other than the school, and asked them to work at reducing their budget requests in the most practical way. Salaried department heads have agreed to limit Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) increases to 3% for themselves and their staffs, as compared with past increases of 6%. This would save $36,000.

Blois reviewed his suggested budgets line by line by department, and discussed both hourly and service changes which he had reviewed with department heads. He is now awaiting their suggestions as to the best way to achieve their goals. Almost all departments will have to make cuts in hours or services in order to balance higher fixed costs and lower receipts.

The Selectmen were concerned about the effect on service if hours or jobs were cut. Strieby asked if it would be appropriate not to consider a step (merit) raise. "I'd rather see no step raise and save a person's job." he said.

Chizy agreed, saying, "The more raises, the fewer jobs. Private industry is laying off. If there's no apple you can't get a piece of it."

Blois suggested this approach be used in a scheduled meeting on February 26 with the Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee.

Johnson said he believes that leaving the distribution of cuts to department heads would be the best solution.

LaBonte remarked that, by reducing local aid, the State is trying to balance the budget on the backs of the cities and towns. "Every one of these ladies and gentlemen who ran for State office who gave their commitments are now breaking their commitments," he said. "I hope letters are written to Legislators telling them to find another way." Blois said letters are going out.

Connor mentioned a mid-March meeting planned with Legislators and suggested a large turnout. She also suggested another approach to budgeting. "My #1 concern is to present the town meeting with a budget that's fair," she said. "It also has to be perceived as fair ... as fair as it can be under the circumstances, and I think it also has to reflect the priorities of the town in terms of maintaining services. Otherwise it won't pass at town meetings." Connor also asked for a more detailed exposition of the effect of cutting school budgets. "Just looking at the bottom line for the schools doesn't give an accurate picture," she said.

School Committee Chairwoman Elizabeth Bacon noted that these are extraordinary times. "The towns that will do the best are those which will work together," she said, "but a $438,000 reduction would be devastating."

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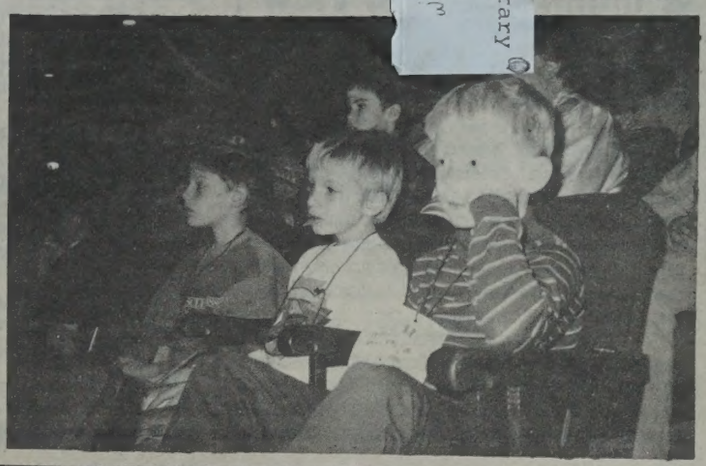
Students Attend Performa... Nutcracker



(Top photo) Enjoying a performance of The Nutcracker front row (l-r): Matthew Bassett, Ronald Kerswell, Peter Devine; back row, (l-r) Michael Orrell and Leah Devine. Bottom photo: (l-r) Peter Luikey, Michael Russell, Crysta Caron, and Lindsay Thulin.

MILLBURY - Third graders and Mrs. Johnson's class attended a performance of The Nutcracker at the restored Strand Theatre in Dorchester recently. The Millbury Parents' Club provided the cost of the bus transportation, and the Millbury/Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council supplied the $4.00 admission fee for everyone. Everyone was also treated to a reduced lunch price at Burger King.

Mrs. Canali, Mr. Nagy, and Mrs. Clark worked on special music and art projects prior to the field trip. Special thanks go to Mrs. Pinga, Mrs. Pojani, Mrs. Taft, Mr. Sliwoski, Mrs. Tamburro, Mr. Sheehan, Mrs. Strom, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Beaucage, Mrs. King, Mrs. St.Amour, Mrs. Devine, and Mrs. Caron for chaperoning.

A Very Large Cast

MILLBURY - Students from Mrs. McGuire's Kindergarten class (top photo) at the Elmwood Street School proudly show off their casts. The students were fitted with casts as part of the University of Massachusetts Medical School's "Suitcase Program" which is designed to introduce children to a variety of hospital procedures.

Jodi Dromgoole, school nurse, applies casts to Sean Dore and Kristina Perham.

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Another Point of View

The Free Press

By Lawrence Moore

The First Amendment of the Constitution provides, among other things, for "freedom of the press." The "press" 200 years ago was a rudimentary progenitor of the monster machines of communication we know today. The press was laboriously produced, slowly distributed, often haphazard, and generally late in its coverage. Two hundred years ago the electronic press was unknown. The motto of the *Millbury-Sutton Chronicle*, "To Report, To Inform, To Promote," is what the Founding Fathers had in mind.

They certainly did not have in mind the media as we know it. Immediacy, opinion, pontificating, shock, competition, disinformation and vilification abound. The press is no longer a servant of the people; it is a money making enterprise engaged in whatever needs to be done to improve its bottom line.

We listen to Buckley, Will, McGrory, Donaldson and Jennings and accept their opinions as gospel. They and their cohorts are in the news business, their personal bottom lines dependent on the circulation their views achieve. Tom Paine and Isaiah Thomas, true newsmen, are rolling in their graves observing the depths to which their profession has fallen.

Why this diatribe? We are engaged in a war. The media regard it as a field day, outdoing one another to be first, to be closest to the action, to provide the definitive cause and effect relationship, and to uncover the hidden plans of the coalition and of the enemy. Even though their time is better spent at their assigned tasks, general officers hold a battlefield briefing and a Pentagon briefing each day. As if that isn't enough, PBS now carries British "news" reports of the war, and "opinions" of British experts about the what, why, and when of the conflict.

The questions asked by correspondents at briefings range from stupid to ridiculous, rarely producing more information than distributed in the opening remarks, frequently asking questions about future plans, often pressing seemingly to embarrass the briefing officers, and always trying to outsmart the competition. Never do they learn any more than the briefer is prepared to divulge.

Given the opportunity, the media covers the enemy (we are in a war and he is the enemy), presenting him with the means to disseminate his propaganda for psychological effect on his own people as well as on our forces. This opportunity to reach the enemy's people is not reciprocated. But the media participates because it's "news".

The American people are fed up with the endless repetition of war reports. The "soaps" are all back, and regular programming is almost normal. Peter Jennings waited all through the Super Bowl without having to interrupt. To me he sounded disappointed during his few chances to be on the air. We lost no planes, no one was killed, the oil spill was old news ... poor Peter!

Let's stop the media war. Let's have a written briefing once a day, without a broadcast "question and answer" session. Let's get behind the war, because there's no other choice now. Our Government and our Armed Forces will benefit. The only losses will be suffered by the "stars" of the media, who contribute nothing but profit to themselves and their companies.

The media's job in a war is not to influence, not to direct, not to criticize and not to disparage. It is in the words on the *Chronicle* masthead "TO REPORT, TO INFORM, TO PROMOTE"!

Family Math Night

MILLBURY - The Millbury School Connection will host a family math night on Wednesday, February 27, from 7-8 p.m. in the Shaw Elementary Media Center. The snow date is March 6. Parents and their K-6 grade children will work together to develop problem-solving skills and build an understanding of mathematics using hands-on activities. This is a fun way to help youngsters feel comfortable and confident in math..

The family math program has been very successful in the Milford Public Schools. Volunteers from the Milford program will be showing how the program works at the first family math night.

Forms were sent home with report cards. If you did not complete the form and plan on participating, call your child's school.

Penny Social

MILLBURY - The Ladies Auxiliary to the Charles F. Minney Post V.F.W. 3329 will hold a Penny Social on February 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Hall, 16 South Main Street.

Anyone 18 years of age and older is welcome. There will be a special table with a food basket and several other prizes besides the Country Store table. Proceeds will go towards the Auxiliary's scholarship program.

Chairwoman Donna Beaumier invites members, relatives, friends, neighbors and anyone who likes to play bingo to have a fun and relaxing evening.

Calendar

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

MILLBURY - Spring registration for the Millbury Girl's Softball League will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Millbury Town Hall.

MILLBURY - A meeting to plan the 10th year class reunion of MHS's Class of 1981 will be held at 1 p.m. at the V.F.W., South Main Street.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

SUTTON - West Sutton Baptist Church, Central Turnpike, will host the Hadwen Park Congregational Church Choir of Auburn at the 9:30 a.m. service.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

MILLBURY - The Millbury Council on Aging will distribute Surplus Food from 9-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street. For Millbury residents only. Documentation of need must be provided.

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

HMO Deductions to Cease

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The February 15 Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Donald Gauthier.

Weekly Report

Administrative Assistant Earl Chase began his weekly report by noting that the gas tanks at the highway department are in place. He said the computerized card reader needs repair or replacement. He also noted that other systems for monitoring are being looked at.

The board voted to accept billing for two street lights on Cyndy Lane which had been paid up to now by the developer of that project. Chase said that usually the town picks up the billing for electricity within a five year period. He also noted that Cyndy Lane has not yet been accepted as a town road since the boundary markers are in doubt.

The board was asked by a Mr. Beaulieu to pay for the replacement of two tires that were allegedly blown upon hitting a curb covered by snow at a detour at Canal and Grafton Streets. Selectman Roland Lachance moved to pay the bill of $154.94. There was no second, and the motion died.

Cemetery Vandalism

Police Chief Ron Stokowski reported on the status of four juveniles arraigned in connection with the recent vandalism at St. Brigid's and Central Cemeteries.

On February 7, two of the defendants admitted to sufficient facts for a finding of guilty. The final disposition of their cases will take place March 3. The other two cases will be disposed of on March 21.

Stokowski noted that Juvenile Court Judge Luis Perez indicated that restitution, as requested, will be considered as being in the town's best interest. Stokowski said the town's position is that community service is not an option.

The damage is estimated to be $17,225 with the possibility of $5,000 more. Stokowski said he would personally be in court for the final disposition of the case.

Sewer Department

Chase suggested that the board consider the request of the Sewer Commissioners to seek town counsel's assistance in dealing with some septic haulers who now owe the town $14000; they have been ignoring the billing.

Septic haulers for the town collect fees from homeowners and are required to pass those monies on to the sewer department.

Gauthier said the possibility exists for theft or criminal complaints if the fees are not turned over to the town.

Lachance then questioned the right of the sewer commissioners to appoint the haulers as agents for the town. He said he is already being double taxed and will be triple taxed if the town has to pay for town counsel to collect the fees from the haulers.

The board agreed to allow the commissioners to seek assistance from town counsel.

HMO Deductions

Personnel Board Chairman Kevin Barrett reported that the American Arbitration Association has ruled in favor of the Local 495, representing clerks and highway personnel, relative to the town deducting 10% for HMO's. The deductions have to stop and any monies deducted must be returned.

According to Chase, if all unions were involved, approximately $90,000 would have to be returned.

Barrett also noted that the town is being billed for its share of the arbitration process for $1525, with the other half to be paid by the union. He said the Arbitration Association is asking the town to authorize this case as a test case for future arbitration. Barrett said that the association would assume it was okay to do so if they did not hear otherwise from the town by February 29.

The board voted 4-0 to notify the treasurer that he is to cease the 10% deduction for HMO's for Local 495 clerks and highway personnel.

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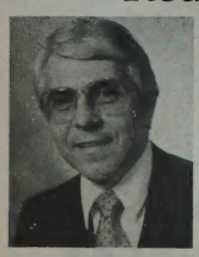

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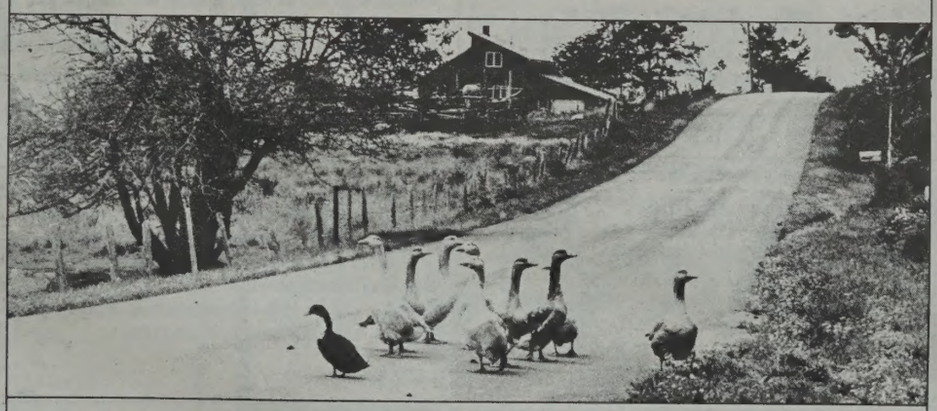

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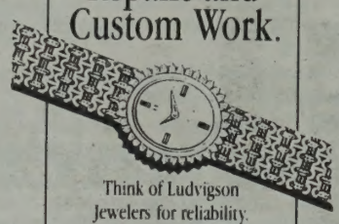

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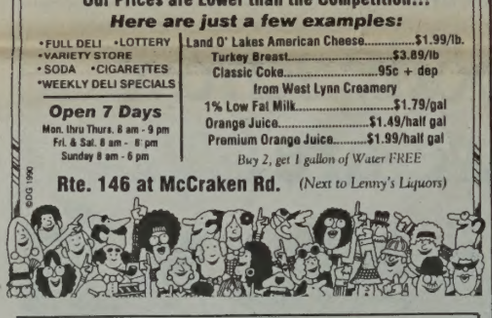

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Selectman Gerald Bleau suggested that the arbitrator suspend the bill if the town allows them to use the case for future test cases.

Lachance said he was not in favor of that. He moved to deny the use by the arbitration association. No second was made and the motion died.

The board voted instead to have Chase seek advice from Town Counsel.

Grafton Street Sidewalk

Highway Surveyor Joe Chase said the town could be reimbursed from Chapter 15 funds for road work and a sidewalk installation on Grafton Street. He said both projects could be done at the same time. The cost for the sidewalk, as petitioned by residents, would be $38,000+ for 3712 feet, starting at Cross Street.

Gauthier asked what this Grafton Street project would mean to other projects in the area of Rte. 122A, Goretti's Market, and Pearl Street.

Chase said they would be put off for another year.

Lachance said that because of the town's fiscal situation, he would not be in favor of a sidewalk at this time. He noted that homeowners when they bought their homes were aware at the time that there were no sidewalks. "I sympathize," he said. "We just don't have the money now."

Grafton Street resident Ray Rogers said it appears the board has changed its position since the last meeting he attended when all members seemed to be in agreement on the safety issues surrounding the need for a sidewalk.

In response to a question, Rogers was told that the work would go ahead if town meeting approves the warrant article.

Miscellaneous

- The board accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Richard LaMontagne from the Youth Commission. They in turn approved the appointment of Lisa Ciardi to fill his position.
- The board appointed David Cofske Jr. to the position of Sealer of Weights & Measures.
- The board voted 4-0 to drop the Super Park as an agenda item since they will be working through the Parks Department.
- Chase said Paul Carr, District Highway Engineer for the State DPW, has been forwarded a copy of a letter from BNT Concrete and Emaral Corporation, indicating their offer to supply, at no charge, all the concrete needed to repair the Providence Street bridge.
- The board voted to have Chase seek a clarification on land in West Millbury being sought by an abutter as tax title property. Chase will see if the land meets the requirements for a buildable lot and its value so it can be auctioned off.
- Charlotte Townsend has asked the board to consider the establishment of a band stand committee to look into locating a bandstand on the common. Chase will draw up a list of possible candidates as well as advertise for volunteers.
- Chase reported that a Bankruptcy Court judge has approved the sale of the unfinished building at 19 North Main Street.
- Lachance asked his colleagues to grant him permission to investigate the possibility of placing a marker on the bridge over the Blackstone River on Elm Street, citing the bridge as the Benjamin Gowing Bridge. The board approved.
- The board approved paying a bill for the hydrant at Church and Canal Streets based upon a letter from the Fire Engineers saying they have approved the adjustments made by Massachusetts American Company to the hydrant.

Letter of Commendation

Lachance read a copy of a letter from Wheelabrator Plant Manager John O'Sullivan to Chief Stokowski, expressing his appreciation to the police department for their handling of an incident at the facility on the night of January 23.

O'Sullivan particularly commended the "behavior and actions" of Sergeant Donald Desorcy for his handling of the incident. "He was not only professional and efficient in his handling of the incident," O'Sullivan said of Desorcy, "but his presence also had a positive calming effect on the staff of the facility."

O'Sullivan said it is "heartening" to know that the town has trained officers of Desorcy's caliber on its staff.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

We are now into the Lenten Season. It began with Ash Wednesday when many churches distributed ashes as a sign of repentance. This is certainly a great need in our world today, and something I hope will really happen within our hearts and in our society.

In my research into the Biblical meaning of repentance, I made an interesting discovery. There are two words used that are translated "repentance." One of them, however, has more of a meaning of remorse than repentance. This word is not used in the Bible as the Bible calls for seeking more than just sorrow for our sins.

John the Baptist called for repentance in preparation for the revelation of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. He pointed to Jesus as being the "Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world." Biblical repentance calls on us to change our minds; "re" for again, and "pentance" for thinking.

Think about them - the things that you have done that have hurt both God and your fellow man. The things that you think about, your mind-set, your attitude that are anything but pleasing to our God. With this, however, comes the wonder of God's love and forgiveness.

As I write this, we are waiting with baited breath for the possible cessation of hostilities in the Near East. In the news, we have seen the destruction that our bombs have caused in Iraq. Defensively we have turned the blame around on Iraq for having civilians in that location. Whoever is to "blame," the truth is people have been hurt and are being hurt. We all need to think about this and repent before God.

May this Lenten Season be one in which we all come to a deeper understanding of our Christian faith, and heritage, and meaning. May the Holy Spirit of God minister to all of our hearts and lives. Amen.

P.S. Congratulations to Millbury High's Boys Basketball Team on being number one in the Southern Worcester County League and in our hearts.

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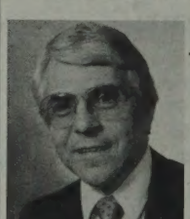

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Bacon lauded the schools for their accomplishments and recognition despite a per pupil cost $700 below the state average.

"I'm sure there are many people in town who feel this per pupil cost is not something to be proud of," she said. "The problem is, 2 1/2 doesn't work. We must get through next year. That means living within 2 1/2, and we feel there are places within the town budget that need looking at in terms of exempting capital projects, and using the tools within 2 1/2 to keep us together."

Bacon said the proposed reduction would take the school department budget back to 1981-82. "We'd like to stress the importance of surviving and working together ... but surviving means looking at everything, and we'd like to express our feeling at using the tools within 2 1/2. They have awful names," she said, calling "override" a derogatory term.

School Committee member Linda Roach said the committee cannot in good conscience take a $400,000 cut. She also expressed hope that the Legislature would be able to avoid unfair cuts in local aid, recognizing that Sutton had exempted and overridden in the past.

Connor remarked that she did not think the proposed budget was fair.

Blois in turn asked, "Are you saying that it's not fair for the schools to cut $400,000, but if we had to change that to $300,000, it is fair to the Town Clerk's office that she loses her clerk entirely, that she runs the office by herself."

"I wouldn't do that," Connor said. "I'd have priorities in here." Stressing that the process was still dynamic, Blois said "there's still time to work on it."

Strieby suggested that the budget have added to it the pay raises, and then be compared with available funds.

Blois agreed to do so. "I don't know, however," he said, "if that's a valid approach."

LaBonte, saying he didn't think school teachers were overpaid, remarked, "We've asked town employees to forgo a 6% raise because of the economic conditions, understanding there are many of their neighbors out of work. Is it possible that the 6% contract raise be looked at."

Bacon replied that she didn't know if it could be asked, or if it could be denied. "You'd have to open up negotiations," she said.

Connor said if that could be considered, the cost to the town would be $125,000 instead of $250,000.

Roach said she did not think that should be set as a goal.

"I think we have to be careful at town meeting not to eliminate a choice that people may want," Connor said.

"From the angle of a public relations effort," LaBonte said, "I think talking to the teachers is something you have to look at."

Strieby asked Bacon and Roach to bring items they felt should be looked at to the next meeting.

LaBonte concluded by noting that at least a dialogue has begun. "What we all want is what's best for the town whether the service is roads or education," he said. "The only way to accomplish that is to work together."

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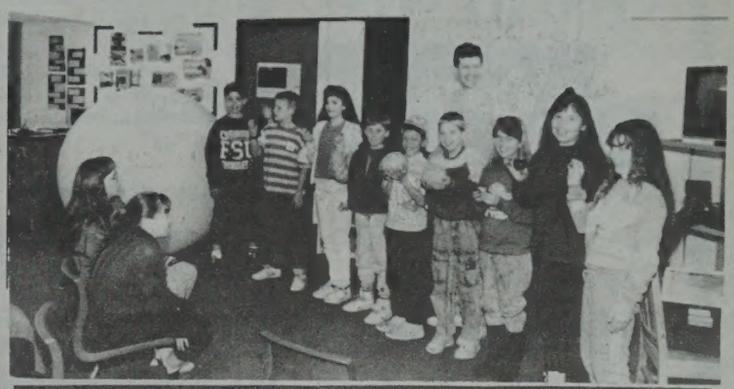

SUTTON - Fifth-graders at Sutton Elementary School and their parents participated in an astronomy presentation recently. Conducted by Stephen Nathan of Millbury (standing behind students in top photo), the sessions began with a half-hour presentation in the classroom, followed by star gazing outdoors. Fifth grade teachers Irene Hughes, Audrey Kosky, Christine Chase and Lorraine Sokol received a grant from the Alliance for Education for the project.

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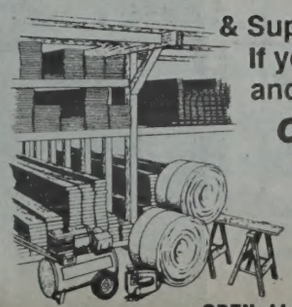

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Arts Scholarship

MILLBURY - An arts related scholarship is available to any 1991 high school graduate who is a Millbury resident. Applicants should be planning to study in either the visual or performing arts. The scholarship is available through the Massachusetts Cultural Council, administered by the Millbury Arts Council.

Applications are available at the Millbury Public Library. The closing date is April 30, 1991. Send completed applications to: Pamela Graves, 10-5 Hayward Lane, Millbury, MA 01527.

Arts Council Accepting Applications

MILLBURY - Applications to the Millbury Arts Council are now being accepted for the Spring funding cycle. Newly issued application blanks are available at the library (old applications will not be accepted). All applications must be received no later than Friday, March 15, 1991. The following rules must be followed to apply:

1. Applications must be typed and completed in full.
2. An original and two copies must be submitted.
3. Applications may be deposited in the Arts Council "Mailbox" at the town hall, given to any Millbury Arts Council member, mailed to Chairwoman Charlotte Townsend, 364 Greenwood Street, Millbury, or presented in person.

School Lunch Menus

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MONDAY: Meatball Grinder, French Fries, Green Beans, Peaches
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WEDNESDAY: Turkey Syrian Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, French Fries, Fruit
THURSDAY: Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheeseburger on a Roll, French Fries, Carrots, Pudding
FRIDAY: menus not available

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Pan Roll/Butter, Peaches
TUESDAY: Hot Dog on a Roll, Potato Puffs, Baked Beans, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Baked Ham, Potato, Peas, Pan Roll/Butter, Pudding
THURSDAY: Chicken Noodle Soup, Juice, Pizza Pockets, French Fries, Ice Cream
FRIDAY: no menus available

Sutton selected for science education project

SUTTON - Sutton is one of 32 public and five parochial school systems statewide chosen to participate in Reach for the Stars, a multi-million dollar U.S. Department of Education Star Schools grant. The program offers teachers and students in the middle grades access to curriculum materials and modes of delivery that reflect cutting-edge developments in educational technologies and instructional strategies.

Using multiple technologies from satellite to fax, Reach for the Stars will transform science teaching and learning throughout the six New England states and New York with 59 schools participating. The project focuses on two critical areas of science: space and the environment.

A science teacher and a teacher from another discipline form a team in each district. As key participants, they will be assisted in the use of the technology and in selecting the programs they wish to use in their classes through workshops, a summer institute, school visits, and a computer network.

Reach for the Stars will also produce several teleconference series: for school committees and superintendents on policy issues around changing science instruction; for principals on challenges and solutions in teaching science in the middle grades; and for parents on supporting their children's science education.

Millbury Historical Society

MILLBURY - Dens 1, 2, and 5 of Pack 109 and Den mothers Leslie Vigneau, Debbie Harris, along with helpers Joan Going and Leah Devine, attended a birthday party for Millbury's valentine hosted by the Millbury Historical Society. The cubs, who were given a tour of the Asa Waters Mansion in December, were invited back to celebrate the 183rd birthday of Asa Waters III (February 8, 1808). It was Asa's father who had the mansion built. The event was planned by society member Grace Laflash as part of the organization's 20th anniversary celebration.

The scouts were attentive and enthusiastic during the activities: the pledge of allegiance and the making of a booklet of Millbury's White House (the Waters mansion), a phrase coined by one of the boys. There was a special page devoted to Asa III, who would have been proud of the resounding "Happy Birthday" which was followed by the devouring of birthday cake, punch, and candy hearts.

Lenten Service

GRAFTON - Pastor Frank Tamilio, Chaplain at Concord Correctional Institution, will be the guest speaker at the Union Congregational Church on February 24 at 7 p.m. This will be the second in a series of Lenten services. The public is invited.

Women's Bowling League

Five bowlers rolled over 300 this week. Pat Gaspar rolled a 344 with strings of 110-123-111; Kathy Marble rolled a 328 with strings of 114-113-101; Gail Higginbottom rolled a 314 with strings of 114-92-108; Ann Coons rolled a 308 with strings of 110-97-101; and Becky Rushton rolled a 307 with strings of 98-116-93. The high single was a 123 rolled by Pat Gaspar.

Rolling 100 and over were: Pat Gaspar, 123-111-110; Kathy Marble, 114-113-101; Gail Higginbottom, 114-108; Ann Coons, 110-101; Bridget Grenier, 117; Becky Rushton, 116; Debby Boire, 110; Mary Jo Boire, 105; Bobbee Bernard, 102; and Alene Saxby, 101.

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On The Sheif

By Rosemary Waltos

Many of you may be wondering why the Millbury Public Library is focusing on children's videos as well as books. Libraries and videos may seem like a contradiction - shouldn't librarians be encouraging children to read rather than watch TV? Yet the fact is, videos are playing a steadily increasing role in children's lives. In 1990, our children's video collection of 225 was used 6,500 times. As librarians, we feel a responsibility to influence the quality of information kids are receiving through what they watch, and so we're taking an active role in providing quality children's videos.

In January, the library was able to enhance its collection with 25 high quality children's videos worth $5,000. This collection provides titles of interest to children from preschool through the middle grade years and on into high school. We suspect that many adults will enjoy selections in this collection as well.

Good children's video is very like good video for adults. It's entertaining, it's informative; ideally it's both. One indication of a good video for children is that it appeals to adults, too. Most parents have favorite films from childhood they can share with their children via video. But video means much more than "movies" these days. You can study nature, art, music, dance, travel to foreign lands, and learn how to do everything from cooking to juggling.

One of the most exciting uses of video is in introducing children to books. Many of the best videos are adaptations of popular children's books. Looking at a video of a really good story is a rewarding activity in itself, but it can have the added advantage of leading children to the rewards of reading for pleasure, or of turning to books to learn something new.

Below is a list of some of our newest videos that are book adaptations for younger children, family viewing and older children.

YOUNGER CHILDREN

A BOY, A DOG, AND A FROG - A delightful romp through grass, dirt, mud and water, as a small boy and his pet try to catch an elusive frog. Based on the book by Mercer Mayer.

WHY MOSQUITOES BUZZ IN PEOPLE'S EARS - Lush illustrations highlight this animated version of the Caldecott winning picture book of an African folktale. Retold by Verna Aardena with illustrations by Leo and Diane Dillon.

CORDUROY AND OTHER BEAR STORIES - The story of a department store teddy bear who finds a loving home and a friend when a little girls fall in love with him. Based on a book by Don Freeman.

FEATURE FILMS FOR THE FAMILY

THE BLACK STALLION - A boy and a beautiful wild stallion are shipwrecked together. After their rescue, they go on to astound the racing world. From the book by Walter Farley.

THE SECRET OF NIMH - An animated classic based on Robert O'Brien's book Mrs. Frisby and the Rates of Nimh, in which a widowed mouse saves her children from grave danger and helps lab rats to escape their fate.

WIZARD OF OZ - One of the all time classics of American moviemaking, this adaptation of Frank Baum's book appeals to every generation.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES - An elderly sister and brother in turn-of-the-century Prince Edward's Island take in a plucky, trouble-prone orphan. Adapted from the series of Lucy Maud Montgomery.

THE ELECTRIC GRANDMOTHER - An excellent adaption of Ray Bradbury's story "I Sing the Body Electric," in which a mechanical grandmother joins a motherless family and wins the hearts of all.

BERNICE BOBS HER HAIR - F. Scott Fitzgerald short story that takes place on Long Island during the Jazz Age. It is about one young girl's attempts to fit in.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MISS JANE PITMAN - Told in flashback from the year 1962, this is the story of one courageous woman whose life spans the century from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement. Based on the novel by Ernest Gaines.

Many high quality titles can also be found at your local video store, if you know what to look for. Look for titles based on books, for titles that have won major awards, and for titles from producers recognized for quality.

For more information on how to select the best viewing for your children, look for CHOOSING THE BEST IN CHILDREN'S VIDEO, a 35 minute video for parents and caregivers available at the library. Our children's librarian, Elaine Loehmann, and her assistants, are always glad to provide you with further viewing recommendations as well.

LIBRARY HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday, 10-8; Friday, 10-6; Saturday, 10-1. Telephone: 865-1181.

Girl's Softball League

MILLBURY - Spring registration for the Millbury Girl's Softball League will be held Saturday, February 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Millbury Town Hall. Any girl who will be 8 years old before August 1, 1991 or entering grade 3 in September 1991 and who will not turn 16 until after August 1, 1991 may register. All girls who want to play this season must register at this time. The registration fee is $10 for the first child and $5 for each additional child from the same family. Each girl will be assigned to a team and will receive a uniform. The uniform will become the property of the player at the end of the season.

MADD to begin support group

WORCESTER- The Worcester County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will begin a Victim Support Group to be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. These groups are open to anyone that has been injured, or has had a loved one injured or killed as the result of a drunk driving crash. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23, at the Worcester Chapter office, 100 Grove Street, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the Chapter office at 831-9785.

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World Day of Prayer

MILLBURY - World Day of Prayer will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Wilkinsonville on Friday, March 1, at 1 p.m. The event marks the 50 year jubilee of Churchwomen United and is sponsored by the Millbury-Sutton Council. The service has been arranged by Lois Karacius and Dorothy Molleur of the host church. Lizette Gagne will be organist and soloist. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer is an international worship event that bonds Christian women of all major denominations and faiths into a simultaneous day of prayer and justice. This year's service was written by Women of Kenya, West Africa. Its theme "On the Journey Together," has woven the joys, pain, concerns and sorrows of these women into an experience that reflects what Kenyans call, "Haranbee," or a spirit of togetherness.

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Resignation Creates Vacancy on School Committee in Sutton

SUTTON - Ethel O'Day, Sutton town clerk, has received notice that School Committee member Elizabeth Bacon has tendered her resignation, effective immediately. Bacon indicated that she would be moving from Sutton soon and wanted to give other residents an opportunity to run for the seat in the upcoming town elections.

Nomination papers for Bacon's unexpired one-year term can be obtained at the town clerk's office until March 14, 1991. The vacancy, which was created from this date until town elections on April 27, 1991, will be filled by the Board of Selectmen and the remaining School Committee members at a joint meeting on February 26 in the Sutton Municipal Center.

Persons wishing to be considered for appointment should write to the Board of Selectmen at the Municipal Center before February 22, 1991. To be considered, applicants must be registered voters of the Town of Sutton.

Sutton students to enjoy French-language theatre

BOSTON - Theatre de Poche, Boston's new French-language theatre troupe, will perform excerpts from its current production of "Edouard et Agrippine" for the Massachusetts Corporation for Educational Telecommunications (MCET) on Monday, February 25, at 10 a.m. The appearance is part of the French Library in Boston's series of live, interactive television programs for MCET's "Mass LearnPike" and will be seen locally by high school students in Sutton.

Created by the state legislature, MCET's Mass Learn/Pike operates in 50 Massachusetts high schools. Through interactive video technology, students will be able to discuss the play with the Theatre de Poche performers and the director.

Surplus Food Distribution

MILLBURY - The Millbury Council on Aging will distribute Surplus Food on Tuesday, February 26, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street. This is for Millbury residents only. All recipients must demonstrate their need by showing documentation of their participation in any of the following programs: Food Stamps, AFDC, Welfare, SSI, Medicaid, Head Start, Fuel Assistance, WIC, Veteran's Aid, or Unemployment.

Due to cutbacks, surplus food may be limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. The snow date will be March 5.

Varsity Math League

MILLBURY - On February 6, the Millbury High School Varsity Math League team competed in its third match of the season at Bartlett High School in Webster. The team competes in the small school division and placed second with 32 points in this match. The team is currently in third place overall in their division. Team members are Phil Carpenter, Becky Kupcinskas, Ross Pease, Barry Bacon, Kevin Pease, Matt Tella, Bryant Richards, Kevin Murray, Kevin Hanson, Amy LaForte, and Melissa Diguette.

Sutton Church to Host Choir

SUTTON - On February 24, the West Sutton Baptist Church, Central Turnpike, will host the Hadwen Park Congregational Church Choir of Auburn. This is the 5th consecutive year the choir has performed at the church. The service begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include many musical selections. Following the morning worship service, a coffee hour will be held with the Choir of the West Sutton Baptist Church serving as host. The public is invited.

Interchange Project Meeting

MILLBURY - A public meeting to discuss the proposed Route 146/Massachusetts Turnpike Interchange Project has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Millbury Junior High School Cafeteria. Representatives from the State DPW, Massachusetts Turnpike and the project consultants will listen to and answer questions regarding proposed alternatives.

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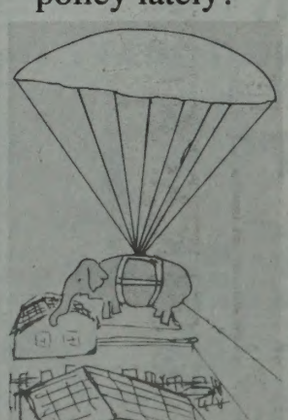

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Bacon Resigns from School Committee

By Edward J. Cooney

SUTTON - The February 11 School Committee meeting was convened at 7 p.m. by Chairwoman Elizabeth Bacon. Prior to adjournment, Bacon informed her colleagues that she will be resigning from the School Committee because of pressing family business. She said she expects to be out of the country until 1992 and will consider running again when she returns. "I regret having to do this," she said.

Telecommunications

Spence introduced Lorraine Bachand who gave a brief update on the telecommunications program in the schools. Students in grades 6-9 are involved with a variety of educational programs.

Spence suggested that future consideration be given to funding a position for a coordinator for telecommunications and the computer lab or both areas could go downhill.

Computers

Arthur Murdock, who has been working on establishing a computer system for teachers and students, was present to give a report. He highlighted the following areas:

- Students are involved in writing their own papers with a word processing system.
- The library has received programs through grants which are used frequently by the students.
- The computer lab is being used more frequently by the business department.
- There has been an increase in teacher use and involvement.
- In the junior high, there are 15 computers and two or three printers which are being used by staff and students.
- The Computer Club is oversubscribed at present and groups are scheduled in shifts.
- In the elementary school, there are 15 computers with one in most rooms.
- The office staff is learning to use their computers, and Murdock commended their motivation and interest.
- High School Principal Ed Grant is involved in establishing a computerized master schedule for next year.
- Programs have been developed for grading of student tests to help staff analyze grade distribution.
- Software has been developed for kindergarten students to help them with word recognition and spelling drills.

Murdock noted that there is presently $200,000 worth of computer equipment, most of which was purchased through grants. He said that as time goes on, the equipment will need maintenance, repair or replacement. He suggested that 10% of the present equipment should be budgeted for replacement over a period of time. He also noted that some of the equipment is outdated and would probably cost too much to repair or rehabilitate.

Spence said that as the committee talks about budgets later down the line, discussions on the issue would be appropriate since there is a sizeable investment involved. Using a 10% replacement factor, Spence said $15,000 would be a possible figure for consideration for next year.

Opening of School

The committee voted a school opening date of August 27. The vote was 4-1 with Committeewoman Linda Roach opposed.

Budget

Spence gave a brief review on budget preparations for fiscal year 1991-1992. He noted that this year's operating budget is tight and may be thrown off a bit due to the absence, through sick leave, of a full time teacher. The teacher is being replaced by a substitute who will have to be placed on a permanent substitute basis. The teacher on sick leave has been out for 9 weeks and is not expected back until after the April vacation.

"This budget is very tight and sometimes discouraging," Spence said. "The truth is, an override is needed every single year unless someone supplements local budgets."

Spence said he met with Town Administrator Dexter Blois for two hours. "He tells us we can only go up (in the budget) 2 1/2%. If local aid goes down it appears we may operate with a level funded budget." Spence noted that the department has a commitment for the upcoming fiscal year of $250,000 in raises.

Spence suggested that the committee hold off working on its budget until early March as the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen are meeting this week on the upcoming FY '91-'92 budget for the town.

Spence said it has been suggested by some that increases in class size would brings savings. He said that to do so would mean the elimination of a staff position which could increase classes by 25%.

It was noted that EEO money could be in jeopardy if the town does not spend it on direct pupil services. If the budget is level-funded, monies for EEO will not reach the level required by the state which would result in deductions of funds from the cherry sheet next year.

Bacon suggested that the committee send a message to the town that they will work "but," she added, "it is not our place to solve the town's fiscal problems, and we and our kids can't accept a level funded budget."

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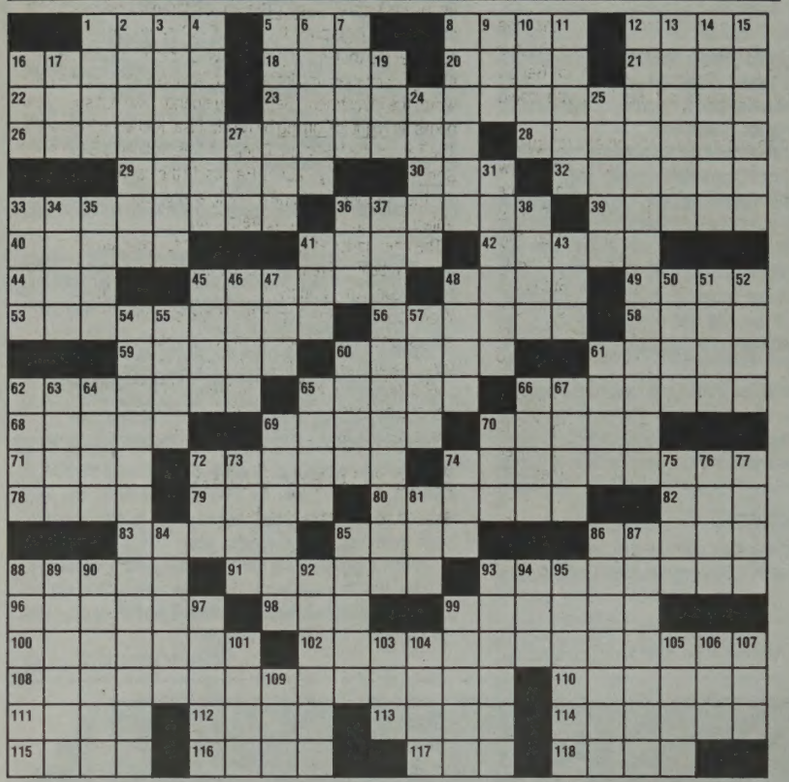

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By Tap Osborn

ACROSS

1 Itemization
5 Winter time in Vt.
8 One side of a child's game
12 Woeful word
16 Nothing, in Naples
18 Stickum
20 In —: angry
21 Powdery stuff
22 Up and about
23 Rocky wedding site?
26 Melee in Malaga?
28 Heady lettuce
29 — curiae
30 Observance period
31 Popular bait
33 Neatens
36 Alley ploys
39 Impassive
40 Badly tilted
41 Oil kingdom
42 Former Turkish cavalryman
44 Parabola
45 "From the New World" Symphony composer
48 Eye stinger
49 Summer place
53 Ear-shattering
56 Dream up
58 Rose's love
59 "The Forsyte Saga" heroine
60 Tibetan, for one
61 Solemn sound
62 Tycoon
65 Hailey title
66 Peanut —
68 Marine foothold
69 Memorable actor Robert
70 Raccoon's cousin
71 Limb link
72 Sort out
74 Coupling
78 Legal right
79 Burden
80 Silver service
82 Dijon donkey
83 Show fatgue
85 Float through the air
86 Woody herb
88 1940's girl of song
91 Leaseholder
93 Shirk work
96 "— the Public"
98 Hood's weapon
99 One-time Harvard head
100 West Texas city
102 Bock beer?
108 Lemur's island ravine?
110 Native Alaskan
111 College in its 6th century
112 Date for Irina
113 Words from Chan
114 "— thrill from..."
115 Let use
116 Airpt. alley
117 Devotee: Suffix
118 Yield

DOWN

1 Garlands
2 "The rain —..."
3 Upset
4 Part of U.S.T.A.
5 Breakfast dish
6 Loses ground
7 Bass horn
8 Annealing oven
9 Decide
10 Bosc
11 Thurmond
12 Ocean caper?
13 South American
14 A.A. adjunct
15 Daft
16 Slangy turndown
17 Bela's son
19 Marine flier
24 Actor Quinn
25 Pennsylvania people
27 Hosp. section
31 Sycophant
33 Ugly critter
34 Concerning
35 Ten: Comb. form
36 Glaswegian's wee
37 Sun glow in Islamabad?
38 — check
41 Assoc.
43 License item
45 Plankton snarer
46 Grape support
47 "The — I love..."
48 Paraffin or putty
50 Lend a hand to
51 Pepper dispenser
52 Brazilian star attraction
54 Lake Inari site?
55 Period-related
57 National parliament
60 Top-notch
61 Wind rider
62 Clobber
63 Volsunga Saga king
64 Auctioneer's last word
65 Treated soil
66 Treat for Fido
67 Sound off
69 London cloth merchant
70 More of 28 Across
72 Street sign
73 North American scoter
74 Siamese
75 Zestiness
76 Before now
77 Bring up
81 Salamander
84 Label again
85 Puddle player
86 Period of origin
87 Spoke musically
88 The Desert Fox
89 Painkiller
90 New Zealand premier: 1893-1906
92 — public
93 — Doctrine
94 Blackbird
95 Milk related
97 Studio sign
99 Take it easy
101 Mizrahi's forte, for short
103 Dos Passos opus
104 Ghana dialect: Var.
105 Hoopster Archibald
106 Hostelry
107 Admin. VIP
109 Dairy denizen

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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To our Readers:

Due to the fact that the service providing us with "Mother Goose and Grimm" will not provide us with exclusive rights to publish the cartoon in this area, we will no longer be carrying this feature. We hope to find a suitable replacement in the near future.

Coffee with the Principal

MILLBURY - Millbury Jr.-Sr. High School will hold "Coffee with the Principal" on Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m. Principal Daniel Carmody will explain the Subject Selection Sheet process for students going from grade 8 to 9.

Lenten Service

GRAFTON - Pastor Frank Tamilio, Chaplain at Concord Correctional Institution, will be the guest speaker at the Union Congregational Church on February 24 at 7 p.m. This will be the second in a series of Lenten services.

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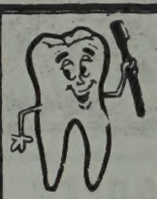

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Sutton Library Annual Report

By Joanne Donnelly, Director

Uh Huh! That stare - those eyes - has to be after-Christmas blues, or maybe sinusitis. Take heart, as I write this, the due date on the books is March 1, 1991. The 1990 Annual Report is due and April 15th will come quicker than you could believe.

Annual reports are an interesting read and can tell quite a bit about a community, what it thinks is important and how they support it. For instance, the combined circulation for the Center Library and Manchaug Branch was 41,956. This means every Sutton resident took out six books. (You only took out five last year.) Manchaug showed a 16% increase, most likely a result of the reinstatement of a Storyhour program there (lost in the crash of '82) plus referring patrons to the village when we've run out of required reading books or the latest bestsellers. We do run out, despite the fact 1575 books were added to the collection.

This year has started well with Maeve Binchy's Circle of Friends, Ed McBain's Widows, the continuing saga by W.E.B. Griffin entitled Battleground, plus Forgiving by LaVyrle Spencer, Angel Eyes by Van Lustbader, and Martha Grimes' Old Contemptibles. We have recently received Home Free by Elizabeth Forsythe Hailey and The Property of a Lady by Elizabeth Adler. For those of you who like your reading "true," we offer Trials of Life by David Attenborough, a companion to his PBS series. Peter Collier has written The Fondas, and Rex Harrison presents A Damned Serious Business.

We not only have The Civil War by Ward and Burns, but Shelby Foote's 3 volume set Civil War has been received. He was the narrator of the series, and with his soft Southern accent and manner, kept us riveted and helped Simon Bileau's feelings become our own. Elizabeth Glaser, wife of T.V. star Michael Glaser, has written of the family's tragedy with In The Absence of Angels. If truth is stranger than fiction, And the Sea will Tell by Vincent Bugliosi plus Buried Secrets by Edward Humes will certainly fill the bill.

Among the 80 videos and audio cassettes we received last year, Christmas time was the best with "Frosty"..."Rudolph"..."Grinch," and Mannheim Steamroller's "Christmas" became part of our permanent collection. Less seasonal, but equally good, are "Great Arias with Placido Domingo and Friends," and one we can never keep in for any length of time, Pretty Woman." Lose those Christmas pounds with Mary Hart's "Shape Up," and start the economy back on an up-swing with Better Homes & Garden's "Preparing Your Home to Sell".

The Director has completed all workshops required by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to keep our eligibility in order that the town receive the following grants: Municipal equalization Grant, $3510; Library Incentive Grant, $3383.77.

The workshops were given by the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System, and in the Fall the last course in Cataloguing Techniques taught updated methods to better record and inventory all forms of information; from books to audio and video recordings. Last year we borrowed 1645 books and compact discs from the CMRLS via their Bookmobile. They enhance our collection with reference, fiction, and non-fiction.

Our own children's assortment has been enhanced by Tomie DePaola's My First Easter and My First Passover. Van Allsburg's Polar Express was so well received in Christmas of '89, it was still a bestseller in '90, but don't let it overshadow his newest book, Just a Dream. Children's books seem to command a high price for only 30-32 pages, but when you consider the four-color printing which results in illustrations that leave images and information lasting a lifetime, they are worth the investment. Before you spend, take out such new books as Night is Coming by Nikola-Lisa, Katherine Paterson's The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks, J.R.R. Tolkien's Bilbo's last Song, illustrated by Pauline Raines. In the paperback variety, Vic the Vampire has a new book, and of course, the Sweet Valley Kids and the Babysitters Club.

The attendance at Library programs for children amounted to 1158, being given a boost by the program sponsored by the Sutton Arts Lottery Council. Linda Freedman of the Worcester Art Museum offered six sessions of art workshops, one in Greek pottery making, one on Egyptian hieroglyphics and cartouches, and the last in Pop-Art graphics.

We've had a good year, and the Trustees and I thank the citizens of Sutton for their interest and support. Come see us, either here or the Center or in Manchaug, but just--COME!

Arts Lottery Grant Funds Available

SUTTON - The Sutton Arts Council has announced the following recipients in the Massachusetts Arts Lottery fall funding cycle:

- Sutton Elementary School for a three day residency with storyteller, songwriter, naturalist and folk musician Steve Schuch during Youth Art Month.
- Sutton Country Squares beginner lessons for interested citizens.
- Blackstone Valley Art Association for a watercolor presentation by Edward "Ted" Minchin.
- Sutton Elementary School Performing Arts Students Series (PASS) grant for the Boston Ballet Company's production of "Rumplestilskin."

Last November, the Sutton Arts Council sponsored a performance of "Hansel and Gretel" by the Connecticut Opera Company's Opera Express. This winter, Jeffrey Nedoroscik, a previous grant recipient for study in Egypt, shared his experiences with Sutton students.

Applications for the 1991 Spring funding cycle of the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Grant Program and Performing Arts Students Series (PASS) Grants are available for projects that will be completed between July 1 and December 31, 1991. Information and applications for both types of grants are available at the Town Assessor's Office, Sutton Municipal Center. The deadline for applications is March 31.

The purpose of the these grants is to enrich the community with quality art work, programs and events; encourage local artists; and to provide school children with a first-hand experience in music, drama or art in a theater or museum. Projects will be chosen by the Sutton Arts Council, subject to state approval, on the basis of criteria such as quality, benefit to the community of Sutton, accomplishment, and financial need.

The Council is seeking new members to serve a two year term. Applicants for membership should have an active interest in the arts in Sutton. Write to the Council in care of the Sutton Municipal Center.

Church Listings

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, MILLBURY: Reverend Monsignor Mederic J. Roberts, Pastor; Reverend Robert Spellman, Associate Pastor - Weekday Masses: 7:30 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Confessions: Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ST. BRIGID'S - MILLBURY: Rev. Thomas J. Markey, Pastor; Rev. Laurence V. Brault, Associate Pastor - Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Masses: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Confessions: Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, and from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. ANNE'S - MANCHAUG: Weekday Masses: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m.; Friday at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday Masses: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Confessions: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.; Baptisms by appointment.

ST. MARK'S - SUTTON: Rev. John E. Horgan, Pastor - Weekday Masses: 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Masses: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Confessions: Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C, MILLBURY: Rev. Jane Haley, 865-9737; Sundays: Church School at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m. Child care is available, fellowship time follows worship. Come join us! Youth group (7-12 grade) every Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Diaconate - First Thursday; Executive Committee - first Monday. Please inquire about Women's Fellowship meetings and events.

MILLBURY FEDERATED CHURCH - UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, United Methodist Church - the Rev. Stewart Rowley, Interim Pastor - Sundays: 10:00 a.m., Worship and Childcare; 10:15 a.m., Church School; 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

FIRST BAPTIST, WEST SUTTON: The Rev. John Olson - Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Time at 10:30 a.m.; 3rd Tuesday of each month - Women's Association meetings.

MILLBURY BAPTIST (American Baptist): The Rev. H. Raeburn Cameron, Pastor; Mr. Charles H. King, Minister of Music. Sunday School - Nursery through Adults at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. (nursery provided); Communion Sunday, first Sunday of the month. Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m., Discovery Group meets for Bible study; Thursdays, Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

RAYMOND MEMORIAL CONGREGATIONAL (United Church of Christ): Mr. Raymond Mars, Pastor; Miss Elfreida Klaucke, Organist - Sunday Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL, Main St., Wilkinsonville: Rev. Walter E. Reynolds; Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Holy Communion; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st-3rd-5th Sunday); Morning Prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Church School - Pre-School - Grade 8

EMANUEL LUTHERAN, 200 Greenwood Street, Worcester, MA, Telephone: 756-6620: the Rev. Ronald E. Jackson, Pastor; Family Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Educational Hour, 10 a.m.; Communion on First Sunday of the month and Festival Sundays; nursery provided.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 53 N. Main St., N. Grafton, 839-3453; Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Sullivan. Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sundays.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 88 Main St., South Grafton. Member-Conservative Congregational Christian Conference. Howard C. DeVries, Pastor; Austin McLaughlin, Organist and Music Director. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening. Service of Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m. Wednesday, choir rehearsal.

THE VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH, meeting in the Raymond Memorial Church, Raymond Street, East Millbury: Pastor, Rev. Bruce Buchanan; Sunday Services at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

SUTTON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: Rev. Andrew J. Bierkan, Pastor - SUNDAYS: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Church School in the Meetinghouse; Crib Room Nursery, Preschool 3's & 4's, Kindergarten, Grades 1-8 at 10:00 a.m.; Jr. P.F. meets twice a month as announced; Sr. P.F. 7-9 p.m. Adult P.F. meets twice a month as announced; Cherub Choir (grades K,1,&2) rehearsals following worship. PROGRAMS: 2nd Thursday, Women's Fellowship of Sutton luncheon/program/meeting at noon. MONTHLY PUBLIC SUPPERS: 1st Saturdays, two sittings, 5 & 6:15 p.m. MONTHLY PUBLIC LUNCHEONS: 3rd Wednesday, noon to 1 p.m. April-November

HOSANNA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Rev. CLiff Larson, 865-7414: meeting in the former Center School, corner of Elm and Waters Street, Millbury. Non-denominational, Spirit led services. SUNDAY: coffee and donuts at 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. (Sunday School for ages 3-12 during Sunday morning message); Revival Service at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Bible Study. Nursery provided for all services.

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Bacon suggested that the PTA at its April meeting be provided with specific information on the school budget. It was also suggested that elected representatives be lobbied to maintain local aid levels. "Everyone needs to get involved, work together, respect each other, and be at town meeting," she said.

Roach said she thought the school committee should be very much a part of the budget process. "There are some things we can do," she said. "We need people to say they do not want to raise taxes, or give an opportunity to seek an override."

Bacon said that focus should be placed on getting through this year. "Are there things that can be done in the community before looking at cutting people?" she asked. "The board of selectmen, finance committee and departments have to work together with no bickering. Priorities can be decided on the town meeting floor."

Roach said there are provisions built into Proposition 2 1/2 that allow towns to do what has to be done. "Our budget is honest and basic," she said. "We need to have the people decide. We should go with an override and let the people decide."

Homemakers and Personal Care Attendants

MILLBURY - The District Nursing Society, a non-profit home health agency incorporated since 1911, has an active homemaker and personal care attendant program. If you have an ill or disabled person in your family who needs some help, you can purchase services for them. Homemakers are trained to perform light housekeeping tasks, laundry, grocery shopping, errands, and food preparation. Personal care attendants assist with bathing, dressing, hair and nail care, assist with ambulation and exercises. Give the agency a call at 865-3561 or 865-4373.

Fried Chicken Supper

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church will hold a Sutton Fried Chicken Supper on Saturday, March 2, with sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. This family-style supper will also include Homemade Soup, Rice Pilaf, Carrots, Homemade Bread, and Cranberry Crunch a la mode. Tickets are $6.00 for adults and $2.00 for preteens. There is no charge for children 5 and under.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

SUTTON - The Finance Committee of the First Congregational Church will sponsor a Corned Beef 'N Cabbage Dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 16, with sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. Included will be Homemade Bread, Potatoes, Carrots, and Rice Pudding. All profits will be used to pay off the building loan for the new addition. Tickets are $6.00 for adults and $2.00 for preteens. There is no charge for children 5 and under.

Invited to Join

MILLBURY - Any lady wishing to join the Ladies Auxiliary to the Charles F. Minney Post 3329 under the qualifications of the Persian Gulf may do so by calling the President of the Auxiliary, Lucille Lamontagne at 865-6866 or Mary "Toots" Couture at 865-4667.

The first year dues will be paid by the ladies auxiliary to show their support of the troops who are fighting for the United States.

Please Note

The Chronicle is not on sale at the office, nor are back issues available at the office. The Chronicle may be purchased in Millbury at OTB News on Main Street and Village Knoll on West Main Street and in Sutton at Sutton Square Pharmacy on Rte. 146.

Pack 243 Meeting

SUTTON - On January 25, Sutton Cub Pack 243 held its annual Pinewood Derby Races. Prior to the races, a short Pack Meeting was held to present the following awards:

Rank of Webelos to Matthew Blanchard, Ryan Brown, Thomas Campbell, Timothy Carter, Allen DeVincent, Alex Hebert, Paul Henrickson, David Spinney, Marc Vigeant, Christopher Wilke.

Webelos Activity Badges: Joshua Suhl, Readyman; Jason Petrie, Sportsman; Tony Scricco, Outdoorsman; Kevin Scricco, Outdoorsman, Readyman, Handyman; Ryan Brown, Fitness; Tim Carter, Family; Allen DeVincent, Fitness, Family.

Webelos Compass Point Emblems to Joshua Suhl, Matthew Carlson, Kevin Scricco, Tony Scricco.

Rank of Bear was earned by Eric Jones and Christopher Windle. Arrow points awarded were Gold to Eric Jones and Gold and Silver to Christopher Windle.

Cub Scout Sports Awards went to: Pin and Letter for Physical Fitness to Matt Carlson, Jason Petrie, Kevin Scricco, Tony Scricco, Joshua Suhl. Matthew Blanchard received his Swimming Belt Loop.

The Pinewood Derby Race results were as follows: TIGER DIVISION - 1st Tim Harrison, 2nd Ron Novak, 3rd David Strieby; CUB DIVISION - 1st Eric MacDonald, 2nd Ryan Shepherd, 3rd Chris Wilke; MOST UNIQUE DESIGN - 1st Tim Carter, 2nd Ron Novak, 3rd Ben Suhl; BEST PAINT JOB - 1st Tom Campbell, 2nd Ryan Brown, 3rd Matt Blanchard; BEST BUILT BY A BOY - 1st Allen DeVincent, 2nd Matt Sobaleski, 3rd Ryan Shepherd.

The Pack would like to thank the Scouts from Sutton Troop 131 for judging and helping to run this event.

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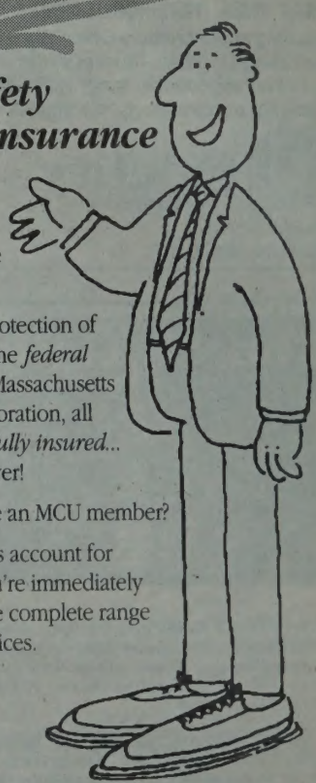

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